



## MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Description of proposal:** Twitch Timber Sale, App. No. 83942, and Forest Practice Application No. 2810681. Even-aged harvest of 4,860 MBF of timber from 109.6 acres and uneven-aged harvest of 245 MBF of timber from 21.3 acres for a total harvest of 5,105 MBF from 130.9 (131) acres. Proposal includes 2,280 feet of road construction, 27,734 feet of road reconstruction, and up to 4,267 feet of temporary road construction (to be built, then abandoned after completion of use).

**Description of mitigation:** See attached sheet.

**Proponent:** Department of Natural Resources.

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:** Sections 13, 23, 24, 25, 35, and 36 of Township 32 North, Range 06 East, W.M.; Section 19 of Township 32 North, Range 07 East, W.M. ; and Section 36 of Township 33 North, Range 07 East, W.M. Proposal is located 11 miles northeast of Arlington, in Snohomish County, off of Highway 530, Jim Creek Road, Ebey Mountain Road, and EB-ML and EB-2901 forest roads.

**Lead agency:** Department of Natural Resources.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from July 10, 2009. Comments must be submitted by July 24, 2009.

**Responsible official:** William J. Wallace

**Position/title:** Northwest Region Manager **Phone:** 360-856-3500

**Address:** 919 North Township Street, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** William Wallace

**There is no agency SEPA appeal.**

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## MITIGATED MEASURES

### **Twitch Timber Sale, App. No. 83942**

#### Streams:

- 4 type 3 streams with a 153-foot buffer that will be thinned, which includes a minimum 25-foot, no-harvest core zone.
- 3 type 4 streams with a 100-foot buffer, which includes a minimum 25-foot, no-harvest core zone.
- 8 type 4 streams with a 100-foot, no-harvest buffer.

#### Wetlands:

- 3 wetlands, greater than 1.0 acre in size, with a 153-foot buffer that will be thinned.

#### Slope Stability:

- Potentially unstable areas were bounded out of this proposal, including some inner gorge features.

#### Roads:

- Exposed soils on cut and fill slopes will be revegetated to lessen sediment impact to streams. 4,267 feet of road will be abandoned after completion of use, if built.

#### Green tree retention and wildlife:

- 928 trees have been designated to be left uncut on this proposal. This represents an average of eight of the existing trees per acre. Trees are primarily clumped, with some individual scattered trees, throughout the proposed harvest area.

Impacts from harvesting, yarding, road construction, and or hauling activities near the Ebey Hill/Anderson Farm and Hell Creek Roosts are mitigated through seasonal and daily operating restrictions.

#### Logging methods:

- Proposal will be yarded by cable and ground-based systems. Leading end of logs will be suspended during yarding.